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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for extension of time for three months with necessary fees. Attached herewith are Declarations by: Paul Polakis, Ph.D., and Avi Ashkenazi, Ph.D. Also attached are articles by (i) Orntoft *et al.*, (ii) Hyman *et al.*, (iii) Pollack *et al.*, and (iv) Hanna and Mornin and an Information Disclosure statement filed with necessary fees. Also attached are relevant pages from US provisional application 60/141,037 referring to the gene amplification assay and relevant pages from the PCT application PCT/US00/08439 that refer to the "chondrocyte redifferentiation assay". Consideration of these attachments and IDS is requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.